

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

Present: Nina Wang (Acting Traffic Engineer) Juris Alksnitis (Planning Department)
Sgt. Norcross (Police Dept.) Ald. Christine Samuelson (Aldermanic Appointee) Candace
Havens (Mayoral Appointee) Rosalie Myers (Clerk)

Also Present: Evelyn Addante (Transportation Planner)

Other Aldermen Present: Ald. Linsky, Ald. Lappin

#161-02 DONALD J. GLOTZER, 70 Greylock Road West Newton requesting
parking restrictions on Greylock Road, particularly in the vicinity of
Highland Street due to student parking (Ward 2)

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0

NOTE: Donald Glotzer, 70 Greylock Road, addressed the Committee and
explained that during school sessions at Newton North High School
vehicles are being parked bumper to bumper on both sides of Greylock
Road near Highland Street resulting in one narrow lane for traffic and
limiting visibility. This inundation with presumed student parkers creates
a traffic hazard, restricts access of residents to their properties and
hampers access for emergency and service vehicles. Mr. Glotzer went on
to say the residents of Greylock Road request consideration of an
appropriate parking restriction that would relieve this problem.

The following residents spoke on this docket item:

Dale Stahler, 42 Greylock Road
Harold Stahler, 42 Greylock Road
Liz Rosenthal, 71 Greylock Road
Carolyn Kohlman, 58 Greylock Road
Daniel Solomon, 63 Greylock Road
Josef Polak, 39 Greylock Road
Ethel Weinstein, 26 Greylock Road
Ruth Glotzer, 70 Greylock Road

Nina Wang explained that a traffic study was done that confirms
statements made by the residents. On a site visit, cars were noted parking
bumper to bumper on Greylock Road creating a very unsafe situation. She

noted it would be impossible for emergency vehicles to have access on the street. Ms. Wang does recommend a parking restriction while school is in session.

Ms. Havens would like to see a long-term solution that could be worked out with the neighbors and the school.

The Committee approved this item 5-0. (See draft ordinance)

#250-02 MATTHEW BARDIN (Memorial School Council), 68 Drumlin Road requesting parking restrictions from 290 to 346 Hartman Road during the school peak time periods. (Ward 8)

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0

NOTE: Matthew Bardin and Ald. Lappin were present for this discussion. Mr. Bardin, representing the Memorial Spaulding School, addressed the Committee and explained that on Hartman Road from Brookline Street to Jacobs Terrace, there is a difficult parking situation. There are often children coming in and out as well as a tremendous amount of traffic. Cars are parking on both sides of Hartman Road. At drop off-hours in the morning and afternoon the problem becomes worse. Mr. Bardin has met at the site in question with the Traffic Engineer, Don Howe, Traffic Safety Officer, and Ken Temkin of the School Department.

Ald. Lappin explained she lived on Hartman Road and sometimes finds it impossible to leave her driveway. She feels the present situation is very dangerous. She often sees small children running in between cars. Two vehicles cannot get down the street at the same time. She feels the parking should be restricted.

Nina Wang reported the study showed the problem only occurs during school drop off and pick up time. The rest of the time the street is relatively quiet. Ms. Wang would suggest the restriction only for drop off and pick up.

Ald. Samuelson made a motion that there be no stopping/parking on north side of Hartman Road (from # 290 to #346) 8 am to 9 am Monday through Friday on school days only; from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on Tuesday. The Committee approved this motion 5-0.

#252-02 RICHARD & SHIRLEY MORRISON 487 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville
requesting No Parking 7am - 9 am (school days) on LOWELL AVENUE
from Craigie Terrace to Arden Road. (Ward 2)

ACTION: HELD 5-0

NOTE: The following residents were present for this discussion:

Richard & Shirley Morrison, 487 Lowell Avenue
Eugene Cohen, 487B Lowell Avenue
David Smiley, 501 Lowell Avenue
Karen Lumino, 11 Arden Road

Nina Wang reported a traffic study was done confirming that cars are parked before 9:00 am from Craigie Terrace almost up to Arden Road. The street is not wide enough to accommodate parking in both directions. It has been noted that motorists speed and sometimes drive on the other side of the double line creating a very dangerous situation. Ms. Wang tried to drive out from a residence at 487 Lowell Avenue but because of cars parked out on the street, she had great difficulty seeing cars coming in and out. The Traffic Engineer agreed it is a very dangerous situation and suggests allowing parking in an area where there are no houses because that will still leave some parking. A solution Ms. Wang suggested was to pass a parking resolution to extend the no parking within 5 ft. to 20 ft. of driveway to give a clear site line. She said the request for no parking 7 am - 9 am would restrict everyone and still not solve the problem because after 9 am cars would park causing the same problem. There was discussion regarding possibly moving the Cabot School bus stop. Ald. Linsky agreed there were many problems with the parking on Lowell Avenue and felt a comprehensive plan is needed.

Ald. Samuelson moved hold so the Traffic Engineer can take measurements and talk with Ken Temkin of the School Department to discuss possible solutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Myers
Council Clerk